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**Officers of the
Cooper Ornithological Club, 1899.
Northern Division.**

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Southern Division.

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Official Minutes of the Southern Division.

OCTOBER.

The Division met at the residence of H. J. Leland in Los Angeles October 7. Mr. H. Rising was elected to membership. The resignation of H. A. Young of Pasadena was accepted, and the name of Harold Gay of Crafton was proposed for active membership. A paper entitled "Notes On a Trip to the West Fork" by H. J. Leland was read. Mr. Daggett read a few extracts from a letter received from Mr. Joseph Grinnell now at Kotzebue Sound. Preparations were made for an Outing Meeting at Mt. Wilson October 29-30. Adjourned.

The Annual Outing meeting of the Southern Division was held at Mt. Wilson October 29, V. W. Owen being elected chairman pro tem. Mr. Harold Gay of Crafton was elected to active membership in the Club. Mr. O. W. Howard made a few remarks regarding the game laws of California pertaining to the Dove and Mountain Quail, and suggested that resolutions be adopted and sent to the proper authorities requesting that the season be shortened. It was decided to lay the matter over until the next meeting. Adjourned.

NOVEMBER.

The November meeting was held at the residence of F. S. Daggett in Pasadena Nov. 26, President McCormick in the chair, and eight members present. The Secretary was instructed to enquire into the rumor of the death of J. Maurice Hatch, a fellow member.

The subject of a Bulletin was discussed in its entirety and upon motion of Mr. Daggett a Committee of Three consisting of Messrs. McCormick, Leland and Robertson was ap-

pointed to draft a set of resolutions embodying the sense of the Club in this regard. The meeting adjourned to meet in December when the annual banquet will be held.

DECEMBER.

The Annual meeting was held in Los Angeles Dec. 29 with President McCormick in the chair, and seven members present. The treasurer's report showed \$10.41 on hand. A letter from Mr. E. J. Hatch of Escondido was read announcing the death of his son, J. Maurice Hatch, a club member, on May 1, 1898, and the secretary was instructed to draft resolutions of respect. The name of W. E. Tyler of Los Angeles was proposed for membership. Officers for 1899 were elected as follows: President, A. I. McCormick; Vice-President, F. S. Daggett; Secretary, Howard Robertson; Treasurer, H. S. Swarth. A banquet was served and the following papers were read: Secretary's Annual Report, Howard Robertson; Notes on the Nesting of the Western Flycatcher, H. J. Leland; Summer Resident Warblers of Arizona, O. W. Howard, and four papers from the Northern Division.

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SEPTEMBER.

The Annual Fall Meeting was held at the home of C. Barlow in San Jose Saturday evening September 3. Fifteen members were present with Dr. F. L. Cauch as a visitor. W. H. Armitage of Alameda and Claude Fyfe of San Francisco were dropped from the Club for long-standing delinquency. The Southern Division report of July 30 was read and filed.

Henry B. Kaeding recorded the taking of an adult male Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker at Taylorsville, Plumas Co. which marks the extreme southern limit of its known habitat. The following papers were read: "A Few Notes on the Birds of Shasta Co." by Ralph Arnold; "Nesting of the Hermit Warbler" by C. Barlow; "Nesting and Other Habits of the Oregon Towhee" by D. A. Cohen; "Observations on the Anna's Hummingbird" by W. O. Emerson; "Some Summer Birds of Santa Cruz County" by H. B. Kaeding; "Just Freaks" by H. R. Taylor; "Nesting of the Water Ouzel" by John M. Willard. Mr. R. S. Wheeler entertained the members with a descriptive talk of a trip to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, after which

the meeting adjourned.

NOVEMBER.

The Division met at the residence of Wm. R. Flint in Oakland with sixteen members present. The name of Theodore J. Hoover of Stanford University was proposed for membership. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Northern Division for 1899 were made, the election to take place at the January meeting.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. W. S. Cobleigh, a club member, at Dawson City on September 14, whither he had gone in the fall of 1897. Resolutions were adopted in his memory and will be found in another column. A vote of thanks was extended the Michigan Ornithological Club for a file of its Bulletin. Publishing propositions from the *Osprey* and Michigan Ornithological Club were declined. Mr. Jno. W. Daniel's proposed magazine was named as temporary official organ.

A discussion followed concerning the Club printing its own Bulletin, the Secretary being instructed to prepare and mail a general circular to all members. A special meeting for the purpose of further considering the matter was called for December 3. The Southern Division report of October 7 was read and filed.

Papers were read as follows: "Some of the Birds of Santa Cruz County" by W. O. Emerson; "Suggestions for Individual Work" by R. C. McGregor.

Adjourned.

DECEMBER.

A special meeting was held December 3, at the residence of W. O. Emerson at Haywards to consider the matter of the Club issuing a Bulletin, the same to serve as sole official organ. A Committee consisting of C. Barlow, W. O. Emerson, D. A. Cohen and John M. Willard was named to draft complete resolutions and plans for publishing a bi-monthly bulletin. A report from the Southern Division Committee was read and embodied in the resolutions. The resolutions as adopted provide for a 16-page bi-monthly bulletin, the Board of Managers to consist of an Editor-in-Chief, one Assistant and a Business Manager from the Northern Division and one Assistant Editor and Business Manager from the Southern Division. The adopted resolutions are

ordered submitted to the Southern Division for endorsement. The bid for printing was awarded to C. A. Nace of Santa Clara.

JANUARY.

The annual meeting was held at San Jose, January 7. Theodore J. Hoover was elected to membership. Officers for 1899 were elected as follows: President, W. Otto Emerson; Vice-President, Ernest Adams; Secretary, C. Barlow; Treasurer, D. A. Cohen. Two Southern Division reports were read and bills for \$7.15 ordered paid. Resolutions establishing the BULLETIN were passed. Papers were read: Nesting of the Fulvous Tree Duck, A. M. Shields; Nesting of the Santa Cruz Jay, R. H. Beck; A Day With the Raptore, Ernest Adams; and one paper from the Southern Division. The March meeting will be held at Alameda.



Protective Coloration.

At the time of my visit to San Jose del Cabo, Lower California, May 1, nearly all of the plants were in foliage. There are two shrubs, however, *Erythrina coraliodendron* and *Fonquieria spinosa*, whose red flowers come out before the leaves. The resemblance of these flowers to a red bird was marked and several times I started, from a distance of seventy-five or one hundred yards, to carefully approach a bunch of scarlet flowers in hopes of destroying a *Cardinalis* or *Pyrrhuloxia*. I also made the error of taking blossoms for birds and believe this instance of protective coloration is worth bringing to notice, though I am unsettled as to which is protected. R. C. McGREGOR, U. S. Fish Hatchery, Battle Creek, Cal.



AT THE recent Congress of the A. O. U. in Washington, D. C., the song of the Brown Thrasher was reproduced through the graphophone. Mr. Barlow is in receipt of several graphophone records from Lieut. Jno. W. Daniel Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., which were made by Lieut. Daniel in Washington, and which quote some interesting portions of the A. O. U. programme and other matters of ornithological interest. These were reproduced at the meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Club, January 7.